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Huntington District

Notice to Navigation Interests

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CHANNEL MAINTENANCE DREDGING

BIG SANDY RIVER

Notice is given that on or about 15 July 2004, channel maintenance dredging will commence in the lower reaches of the commercially navigable portion of the Big Sandy River. Madison Coal and Supply Company, contractor for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will dredge approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material at various locations. Dredging will begin in the vicinity of the mouth and proceed to other upstream locations ending at Mile 8.9. Disposal operations will take place at an approved site located on the Ohio River, between the navigation channel and the right descending bank, between mile 321.0 and 322.0. The nearest known municipal water intakes in the work area are the Kenova municipal intake at Big Sandy River, mile 5.6, and City of Ashland municipal intake on the Ohio River, mile 319.7.

The contractor's floating plant will consist of the M/V SHIRLEY, M/V LUCEDALE, two barge mounted cranes, and nine material barges. The M/V LUCEDALE will be in the vicinity of the work site and should be contacted for passing arrangements on marine channel 13. The M/V SHIRLEY will be used to transport the material barges between the work site and the disposal area and will be monitoring marine channel 13. Dredging will be performed 18 hours per day, 7 days per week from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight and is anticipated to be completed on or about 31 Aug 2004.

All floating plants will be moored at the worksite during non-working hours and will be lighted according to regulations.

Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.

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